He Was Drugged and In That Condition He Was Married.

The Allegation Made by Melbourne McDowell.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 11,-Melbourne MacDowell, tragedian and husband of the late Fanny Davenport, makes the sensational charge that he was drugged into his second marriage to Wilhelmina Straus, of Baltimore. The statement is made in his suit against L. N. Scott, manager of the Metropolitan Opera house, in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Clarence M. Brune, a theatrical manager, and others.

MacDowell alleges that it was drugged in New York and taken in that condition to Newport News, Va., on a steamer. Still under the influence of the drug, he swears, he was married to Miss Straus and did not recover his faculties until three days later.

He alleges, also, that he was induced, while drunk, to sign bills of sale, conveying to Brune the rights to the Sardon plays in his repertoire for \$500. And he asks that the transaction be set aside. Brune starred his wife, Minnie Tittell Brune and MacDowell in Sardou's "Fedora" in 1900 and

MacDowell swears that he has had trouble with his co-star, Miss Blanch Walsh, and his manager, Mr. Sterns,

when she left him. The suit was filed in the Ramsey band is William Seymour, one of the

soil-grim, naked rock. To many a

Newfoundlander a sandy beach would

is very expensive. Meerschaum itself

is not expensive. That used by the

manufacturers in this country is im-

ported as raw material from Austria,

but most of it is obtained in Asia

Minor. Usually there are three or four

different grades, running from the

rough and mixed to the pure and finely

grained article. There is no duty upon

coal in shape, are packed in oblong

boxes, about two feet and a half long.

a foot wide and a foot high. The raw

material is quite brittle and has to be

soaked in water before it is used for

Meerschaum pipes are expensive be-

cause much of the material from which

the bowls are made has to be thrown

away before a piece is found that has

no flaws in it. The shavings, however,

are never wasted. They are used to

make a cheaper grade of pipes which

are known as chip meerschaums.-New

Control Your Temper.

There are three reasons why one

ought to control his temper, and the

reins upon the neck of passion, he may

have for the moment a certain enjoy-

ment in the license, but there must

surely come a reaction of regret.

When he is calm again and the fit has

passed away, every serious person

must be ashamed of what he said and

what he did, of the manner in which

he gave himself away and the exhibi-

tion he made of himself. He will re-

friends and the silence which they

adopted as a protective measure and

as if they were agenting with

soothing language which they used,

Kodo

York Post.

The chunks, not unlike cannel

be as great a wonder as a horse."

Dowell and May D. Seymour, execu- country, and the glances which passed between | God, so the Church Talent was going "It was a Beothuk Indian legend that them. He will not soon hold again when God made the world be swept with them as strong as he did before the universe of the refuse and cast it this outburst, nor will be have the into the sea, and when the white men same claim upon their confidence as a came from the rising place of the sun sound and clear headed man. He has they called the heap Newfoundland and acted like a fretful, peevish child and chose it for a dwelling place," says has for the time forfeited his title to

producing any of the Sardon plays.

Norman Duncan in Ainslee's. "It may manhood and the place of a man. be so. In its remoter parts Newfoundland might easily be taken for the Woodworms Can't Stand Benzine. leavings and rejected materials of the Woodworms can be destroyed in work of creation, there cast away. It books and woodwork by benzine. is as fertile as an ash beap, which, Books are locked up in a cupboard moreover, it resembles in that it conwith a saucer of benzine. The insects, tains scraps of everything which enas well as their larvæ and eggs, soon tered into the making of the worlddie off. Furniture and carvings are iron, copper, coal, gold and all other similarly placed in a room with a dish trensures under the ground. The inof benzine and kept closed up for sevterior is a soggy, rock strewn barren, eral weeks, the time required for the an interminably vast waste, where not complete destruction of the insects vaso much as a shrub is to be seen and rying according to the thickness of the no man chooses to live. Stunted forwood. New woodwork can be protectests fringe coast, a skinny growth of ed against their entry by a coating of pine and spruce and birch, through glue, as, living on vegetable substanwhich you may walk miles in vain ces, they do not touch animal prodsearch' for a schooner's spar. The ucts. shore line is rock, in some places swept by flood and fire bare of all

Absurdly Particular. "Why did you resign from your club?" be asked.

"Oh, they were so absurdly particular," she replied.

A fire in a pipemaker's shop the "Why, the chairman wouldn't let me other day spoiled the proprietor's stock of meerschaum and incidentally dis- talk just because some one else was and the nail is now the handsomest ence."-Chicago Post. smokers' minds, that this commodity

A German professor who is given to great deliberation of speech and has never been known to increase its speed under the most compelling circuma restaurant not long ago.

The waiter had brought him raw oys ters, and, to his dismay, he saw that the professor had apparently no intention of tasting them.

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the German slowly, without raising his Her's Weekly. eyes to the anxious waiter. The man seized the plate and bore it out of sight in an instant. He was a new watter, and it was with much treplds. tion that he laid the second supply of oysters before this discriminating pa-

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the professor after one glance at the plate which had been set before him.

"I-I think you'd find them all right, faltered the waiter. "I don't think there's anything wrong about them, sir." He looked miserable, having been told that the German was a frequent and valued patron of the resfirst is self respect. When one loses command of himself and throws the taurant and must be well and quickly served.

"I cannot eat these ovaters" an nounced the professor for the third time, with the calmness of chorus in a tragedy, "because as yet you have furnished me no fork."-Youth's Compan-

Several kind Workers pooled their Efforts to insure the Walfs a happy call the amazement on the faces of ids Holiday. They rounded up the little Hickeys at a Mission and gave them a Free Show. Every Swipes in the Place was a Monday Nig'it Gallery

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what you

Wilhelmina Straus, MacDowell's fors of the will of Fanny Davenport second wife, is a daughter of the late MacDowell. The plaintiffs seek to re-William H. Strans, of Baltimore, Her cover \$175 back salary due to Macbrother is Isaac Lobe Straus, once a Dowell, and to restrain Brune from candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress. She was di-Mrs. Seymour, the executrix, lives and that Miss Waish broke his heart at Duxbury, Mass. She is a sister of vorced from her first husband, Louis Brafman. She is a beautiful blonde. the late Fanny Davenport. Her hus-She was married to MacDowell at Newport News, Va., June 16, 1900, and county, Minn., District court, by Mac- best known stage directors in the described herself then as Wilhelmina Maria Wilton, a widow, 27 years old.

against a knowing Proposition.

A pale young Man with amber Fire Escapes sprang a line of Parlor Magic that would have queered even a Supper Show. The Bunch advised him to back off the Dump. When a Young Lady with Glasses tackled "Stabat Mater" on the Violin they broke her up with Cat Calls and told her to tear off some Rag Time. They bleated at the Amateur Elecutionist and acted Rowdy when a Stout Woman got up to read a Fairy Tale from Hans Christian Andersen. Then they began to yell for Mulligan and Hicks to come on and save the Show. Whereupon two pug faced Klds came forward and did a Hottentot Song and Dance with a Buck and Wing finish that killed them dead.

Moral.-The Walfs cannot be expected to lift themselves many Notches above the Public Taste.-New York Herald.

A Testinionial Worth Having.

An inventor, buying produced a wonderful hair invigorating fluid, sent a case of bottles to a bald editor, with a request for a testimonial. He got it in

"A little applied to the inkstand has given it a coat of bristles, making a applied the lather to a twopenny nail. so, if a witness, for instance, on being soil that it is not able to make a full posed of the idea, common in most talking-as if that made any differ shaving brush you ever saw, with beautiful, soft hair growing from the end of it some five or six inches in length.

> "Applied to doorsteps, it does away with the use of a mat; applied to the floor, it will cause to grow therefrom hair sufficient for a brussels carpet. A stances had an amusing experience in little weak lather sprinkled over a shed makes it impervious to the wind, rain or cold. It is good to put inside children's cradles, sprinkle on the roadside or anywhere that luxurious grass is wanted for use or ornament. It produces the effect in ten minutes."--Col-

> > Africana Wash, but Never Wipe. Great attention is given in most of the African tribes to the care of the The teeth are cleansed with a stick which has been chewed into kind of brush. The hands are washed frequently, not by turning and twisting and rubbing them together one within the other, as with us, but by a straight up and down rubbing, such as is given to the other limbs. This manner of washing is so characteristic that an African might be distinguished by it from a European without reference to the color. The sun is their only towel.

> > > His Idea of a Sermon.

Robert Morris, a man celebrated for the part he took in the American Revolution, was once asked by Dr. Rush: Well, Mr. Morris, how did you like the sermon? I have heard it highly extolled." "Why, doctor," said he, "I did not like it at all. It is too smooth and tame for me." "Mr. Morris," replied the doctor, "what sort of a ser-mon do you like?" "I like, sir," replied Mr. Morris, "that preaching which drives a man up into a corner of his pew and makes him think the devil is

Convenient. "What are marsupials?" asked the teacher, and Johnny was ready with

"Animals that have pouches in their stomachs," he said glibly. "And for what are these pouches

his answer.

used?" asked the teacher, ignoring the slight inaccuracy of the answer. "I'm sure that you know that too."

"Yes'm," said Johnny, with encouraging promptness. "The pouches are for them to crawl into and conceal themselves when pursued."-Exchange.

City Magistrate-Of course I don't wish to stand in the way of my daughter's happiness, but I know so uttle of you, Mr. Hawkins. What is your vo-

Mr. Hawkins (airily)-On, I write-er sort of thing.

esting! And how do you live?-Punch. Bits.

SOME LEGAL FREAKS ENLIGHTENED THE COURT

CURIOUS TWISTS THAT OBTAIN IN ENGLISH CRIMINAL LAW.

A Person May Be Guilty of Perjury Though He Swears to the Truth-No Such Offense as Trespass - Points About Fergery.

In no branch of the law as it is dispensed in Great Britain are such curious points to be found or a greater number of anomalies to be met with than in the criminal branch thereof.

It may be news to some people, for instance, to know that there are a number of things in existence which cannot be stolen, such as a corpse, animals ferre pature-c. e., animals wild in a state of nature (with certain excep-tions created by statute)—soil of the the first opportunity thereafter, counsel earth, etc. To attempt to steal nothing on behalf of the plaintiff will apply would appear on the face of it to be an impossibility, much less a crime, that," and so on, "Now, my lord, to but a man indicted for attempting to pick a lady's pocket which was subsequently found to be empty was found guilty of an "attempt to commit theft." though, in fact, there was nothing in the defendant. It is curt, my lord, and the pocket to cteal

Any one lucky enough to pick up a sovereign lying in the road will be glad m hear that, if at the time of finding it he had no reasonable means of discovering the owner of it, and also if he did not at the same time conceive the idea of appropriating it to himself, he will not be guilty of stealing if he keeps his lucky find, even if the rightful owner discovers and claims it.

Most people walking in the country must have noticed on numerous occasions boards or placards posted up in woods, fields, etc., notifying in large tunity thereafter.' That, my lord, is letters that "trespassers will be prosecuted," but few are aware that such notices are utterly useless and no one need feel the least alarm thereat, there being no such offense known in criminal law as such a trespass, and a person could never be prosecuted for such an offense. They are, in fact, in the words of that eminent jurist, Sir Frederick Pollock, in his well known work, "Pollock on Torts." a "wooden falsebood."

It is a common fallacy to imagine that the crime of forgery consists in signing another's name, though in fact committing forgery consists in making and uttering any false instrument in writing with attempt to defraud; thus it may be a forgery to omit a word from a document, and it will be a matter of considerable surprise to many to learn that it is possible for a person to forge his or her own name. A person, however, who fraudilently inserts an other's name on a picture, thereby selling it as the work of some other artist. is not guilty of forgery, as a picture is not an "instrument in writing."

The crime of perjury also does not quite "fit in" with the generally accepted idea, which is that if a person, after being sworn on oath to speak the truth, swears falsely, he is guilty of such offense. This is correct with the important qualification that the fact the witness has sworn to must be material to the case. Thus, if a witness on being duly sworn gave a false ad-dress on being asked where he lived, ness lived would be quite immaterial.

That a person may be guilty of perjury though speaking the truth may plants in winter. seem a curious anomaly, but such nevertheless is the fact, as the test of perjury is not whether a person is speaksaked. "What colored tie was the prisoner wearing when you met him?" replied "red," when in fact he did not really notice, he would be guilty of perjury, even though the prisoner was Isle is expected to in reality wearing a red the when the things besides drugs. witness met him.

Numerous other instances of crimes which present similar curious points to rant, yet no Irishman likes to confess the above might be given, and, in passing, persons taking out insurances against burglary might note that this crime can only be committed between the hours of 9 p. m. and 6 a. m.: that breaking into a house by means of an open door or window is not burglary, although entering a house by sliding down the chimney is.

We must not conclude this article without a short reference to a comparatively recent case in which a man not possessing the means to pay entered a restaurant, where he ordered and ate a good dinner. As, however, he was unable to pay for the same he was given in charge and subsequently indicted for "obtaining goods by false pretenses." The case resulted in the prisoner's acquittal on the ground that he had not been guilty of any false pre-

This individual therefore had a good meal on the cheap, but we should not advise any enterprising reader to emulate his example, as, although he could not indeed be prosecuted for obtaining goods by false pretenses, it seems that he will still be criminally liable under the bankruptcy act for obtaining credit by fraudulent means.-London Tit-Bits.

Averting a Panie.

On one occasion John Philip Sousa by his promptness was the direct means of stopping a panie which might have had the most disastrous results. While his band was playing before 12,000 people in St. Louis the electric lights in the hall went out suddenly. People began to move uneasily in their seats, and some even began to make a rush for the doors. Coolly tapping with his baton, Sousa gave a signal, and immediately his band began playing, "Oh, Dear, What Can the Matter Be?" A tiny ripple of laughter that went round the audience showed that confidence had partially been restored. When the band began to play "Wait Till the Clouds Roll By," the laughter deepened into a roar of merriment that only ended when the lights were turned on again.

Both Sides.

Johnnie-What does it mean by "seeing the humorous and the serious side of things?

Father-Well, my son, take a bit of orange peel, for example. How many

Johnnie-Why, two, of course. Mr. Hawkins (airily)—On, I write—er — poetry, novels—ers plays and that other man steps on that orange peel he sees the serious side of it and you City Magistrate-Indeed! Most inter- see the humorous side.-London Tit-

A Story of Lord Morris' Daring a

an Advocate. Lord Morris possessed an almost inexhaustible fund of humor, which, it may be said, was not always appreciated in the house of lords. The following story is perhaps illustrative of his dar ing as an advocate rather than his qualities as a humorist: On one occasion an irritable judge interrupted him in the middle of a law argument by saying testily, "I don't understand a single word, sir, of your notice of mo-

"Not a single word?" said young

tion."

Morris, "That is very unfortunate, my lord. I must endeavor to explain. Young Morris then read over the notice of motion with exaggerated emphasis. to this bonorable court for an order proceed with my explanation. 'Sir.' That, my lord, is the monosyllabic mode of address adopted by the solic itor for the plaintiff to the solicitor for indicates that the parties are now at arm's length: but it is not discourteous nor does it preclude the possibility of friendly private relations between the solicitors. 'Take notice.' This, your lordship will observe, is in the nature of a warning. The object is that the solicitor shall be prepared for the application, and, above all, that he shall have an opportunity to instruct and fee counsel to resist the motion. 'On April 6.' That day is now past, my lord, and therefore unavailable for the making of this motion. 'Or on the first opporthe present occasion. 'Counsel on bethe humble individual who appears before you. 'Will apply to this honorable court' That is the learned and courteous judge whom I have the honor to

But the judge had heard enough, "Go on with your motion, Mr. Morris," he said, joining in the general laughter. "I have learned my lesson."-London

address. 'For an order.' That, my

FLOWER AND TREE.

A single leaf of the orange tree carefully planted will often take root and

grow. Rosin and tallow in equal parts make an excellent covering for wounds in fruit trees.

"Belting" a tree—that is, killing it by destroying the bark in a circle around the trunk-injures it for lumber. In transplanting trees all roots that

have become bruised or broken should be cut clean away behind the broken A pan of water kept steaming in the

stove will keep the atmosphere in good condition for the growth of house plants during the winter. Trees should always be trimmed when young and growing in such a

manner that there will be no necessity for cutting off large limbs. Wood mold, provided it is fine and

this, though untrue, would not amount free from roots and sticks, with the to perjury, as the place where the wit- addition of a little well rotted compost, makes a splendid soil for the pots or boxes in which to grow the house

Orchards generally produce full crops only every other year. This is because the full crop of one year so exhausts splendid penwiper at a small cost. We ing what he believes to be the truth; the fruit producing qualities of the on the next year.

> The Linseed Poultice. A dispensary doctor in the Emerald Isle is expected to dispense many

> His life is certainly not a bed of roses. These people are woefully ignoto want of adequate knowledge.

One day I ordered a linseed poultice to be put on an old man's chest. The next morning he was no better, and I was accused of incompetency.

"I put the plaister to him, your honsaid his wife, "though he spit an' spit like a big suall. But it ain't done no good! An', docthor, honey, it was a big dose!"

Then I realized Mrs. Moultan's method of poulticing her good man's chest. She had applied the soft mass internal-

Another time I compounded (we are our own dispensers in the Isle of Des tiny) a box of pills for "brown kittles." The result of grinding these with a big stone and wearing the powder as a charm was not satisfactory. My ver-dict as "c'rowner" certified "natural causes." It should have been given as "crass Ignorance."-Good Words.

I once had a trainer, an old Irish man, who had served in a British regi ment in India and who knew the way of tigers in every detail. He taught three of them to do more work in the show arena than I have ever seen done by tigers. I have seen him sitting down between two of them at rest times during rehearsals and examining their claws to see if any of them were sore or split. Any one who has ever tried that with even a house cat knows that it strikes the feline nature as an unwarrantable familiarity, but they never did more than show their teeth and whine, and that in half playful-

One day he got very drunk. I had never known him to transgress before Before he was noticed on his return to the cage he had gone in with his tigers and fallen in a heap on the floor. The other keepers tried to take him out of the cage, but to have done so would have meant a bitter and bloody fight with the three striped ones. They guarded him all night in his drunken slumber. The next time he put them to work, however, they balked, and he could neither persuade nor drive them. They had ceased to trust him, or some thing of that sort, and his usefulness with them was at an end completely,-F. Bostock in Frank Leslie's.

Trouble For the Tourists. The poor Saxon "towrist"-what he may suffer in the Emerald Isle! There is a story on record of three Iris'im a rushing away from the race meeting at Punchestown to catch a train back to Dublin. At the moment a train from *

the carriage was seated one other passenger. As soon as they had regained their breath one said:

"Pat, have you got th' tickets?" "What tickets? I've got me loife! I thought I'd have lost that gettin' in th' thrain. Have you got 'em, Moike?"

"Oi? Begorrah, I haven't!" "Ob, we're all done for, thin!" said the third. "They'll charge us roight from th' other solde of Oireland." The old gentleman looked over his

newspaper and said: "You are quite safe, gintlemen. Wait till we get to th' next station."

As soon as the train pulled up the little gentleman jumped out and came back with three first class tickets. Handing them to the astonished strangers, he said: "Whist, I'll tell you how I did it! I wint along th' thrain. "Tickets, plaze; tickets, plaze!' I called, and these belong to three Saxon towrists in another carriage."—Harry Furniss in

"It is curious," says the London Chronicle, "how St. Paul's, although the first cathedral church in England that was built actually for the observance of the Anglican ritual, manages nevertheless to retain something of a foreign and a Catholic nature in the way it offers shelter to the tired passerby. Apart from the restless groups of sightseers, there are always plenty of people there who have gone in solely for the sake of its wonderful peace and quiet.

"They would have found neither, by the way, in old St. Paul's of the fifteenth century, for while mass was being said in one chapel, a funeral service in another, and so on, all sorts of commerce was carried on in the middle aisle, from the hiring of servants to the transaction of legal business.

"We have altered all that nowadays, and St. Paul's is the quietest spot in the noisiest city in the world."

LITTLE LEAKS.

What They May Lead to and How

It is possible to lose much by littles. A classic case is that of the royal granary which was depleted of its stores by a succession of "one rat came and took one grain away, and another rat came and took another grain away." So fortunes are dissipated, and reputations are destroyed, and health is ruined and character itself lost-by little extravagances, little indiscretions, little negligences, little obliqui-

Benjamin Franklin was a great economist not alone of money, but of time. He said, "To teach a young man to shave himself is as good as to give him a purse of gold." He had reference to the minutes as well as the dimes it costs to patronize the barber.

Elihu Burritt stopped the leak in his time and taught himself a dozen languages. Gladstone was equally wise, for he read Plato in his carriage between Carleton terrace and the parliament buildings.

A presperous man ascribed his success in business to his habit of permitting no particle of material to be unproductive. He experimented and elaborated until he found a method of disposing profitably of every atom left

There is a man in New York who has in bank a goodly sum of money which he calls his "'tis but fund." When tempted to needless expenditure by the specious plea, "'Tis but a nickel or a quarter or a dollar," he denies himself and drops the amount he would have filled with amazing rapidity. That is one way to stop a leak.

More serious than any prudential matter are the little leaks in life by which vital energy is squandered and moral force is diminished, imperceptibly it may be, through what we sometimes regard as inconsequential acts. Lack of order in our methods of labor, indifference to the "minor morals" of hygiene and the "major morals" of honesty and truth, the practical repudiation of personal responsibility, the neglect of duties which arise from our ethical and religious nature-these are the leaks which we must stop or be bankrupt in the world's eyes and in God's .- Saturday Evening Post.

A LESSON IN CHESS.

Why Willie's Papa Ended It Almost

Paterfamilias, with a laudable desire to keep Willie at home at night, offered to teach him to play chess. The boy was delighted, and the game began, "Put the little ones, pawns, all along the front and the big ones behind, as I

show you." "I think that is cowardly. The big ones ought to be in front. Ma says"-"Oh, but that is the rule. Now, see-

no; put that rook in the corner." "Rook! What's a rook?" "It is a kind of bird." "Well, that ain't a bird. It looks like

"Call it a castle, then-and put the knight next"-"Why is that called a knight? It

looks like a horse's head." "And then the bishop," went on paterfamilias, ignoring the question; "so,

"Why is the bishop's head split in two, pop?" "Oh, that is his hat-a cardinal's hat."

"But I thought he was a bishop!" "A cardinal is also a bishop. don't talk so much. Willie. Then you put the king and queen"-"The queen is bigger than the king,

Well, so she is. Who said she wasn't?" said paterfamilias, with a trace of impatience in his tone. "And

then another bishop; so." "Why are there two bishops, pop?" "Because the rules say so. Now, I shall move first. "What, after all that trouble, are you

going to move them again?" 'Say, Willie, I believe my head is aching. I shall show you the rest some other time," said paterfamilias as he swept the men into the box .- New York

Dr. A .- Why do you always make such particular inquiries as to what your patients ent? Does that assist you in your diagnosis?

Dr. B.-Not much, but it enables me

Advice as to Roasting a Turkey. "Ninety-nine women out of every hundred, ninety-nine cooks out of every hundred, will bake a turkey with the back to the pan," said a New Orleans man who keeps in touch with the kitchen, "and this is a mistake. A fanous French cook I know never thinks of baking a turkey with the breast up. The breast is turned to the bottom of the pan and instead of being dry and tasteless when it is served is richly finvored and as sweet and fulcy as one would care to have it. You see, all the ine flavoring of the turkey, the juices of the dressing and all the daintier touches flow down toward the breast of the fowl, and when the white meat is served you get the full benefit of every flavor added during the processes of preparing and baking the turkey, in addition to the distinctive taste of the

"Inconvenient and awkward! Not at all. It is just as easy to cook a turkey in this way as in any other way, and the result is infinitely more satisfactory. It is no trouble to arrange the fowl in the pan. If you desire to place the fowl on the table before carving it, you will find that it will look quite as well as it would if baked in the usual way, and certainly it will taste much better than it would if you baked the breast until it was dry and flavorless." -New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Snails Are Queer Creatures. The snail is found everywhere, 3,332 species being known, serving in France as an important item of diet and in this country an attractive inhabitant of the fernery. Some of the large tropteal snails, as bulimas, form nests of

leaves, their eggs being as large as a pigeon's.
The snail is extremely skillful in mending its shell, and some curious experiments may be tried with them. Thus I have seen a helix of a yellow species attached to another shell of a reddish hue by cutting off the top whirl of the latter, when the snail will proceed to weld the two shells together and occupy both, using the addition as a door and possibly wondering at this

sudden extension of its house. In the winter some of the snails hibernate or lie dormant until warm weather, just as the snakes do in California. A snail of the Philippine Islands has a faculty of throwing off its tail when seized. This is also true of West Indian variety-stenophus.

Spiders' Webs.

The webs of those spiders which spin snares out of doors, as the geometrical garden spider, are formed of two sorts of silk, one of which is used for the main cables and the radiating threads, the other for the concentric threads. The latter are thickly studded with minute globules of a viscous substance. which retains the fly, gnat or moth that may blunder against them, while the former are quite dry and harmless. A third kind of silk is produced by the busy little spinner when some such large insect as a wasp has become entangled in the web and threatens to break the delicate structure in its struggles. This takes the form of an enveloping mass, which is suddenly produced and which effectually prevents any further gyrations on the part of the captured insect .- Cornhill Magazine.

Near Dakar, in lower Senegal, is an enormous baobab tree whose trunk measures fully seventy-five feet in circumference at the base. The fruit of the baobab, which grows abundantly in Senegal, is called "monkey bread." It is used by the natives for curdling milk and as a specific for certain diseases. Decoctions of the dried leaves are also used as medicine. From the bark strong cords are made, and the gum that exudes from it is employed as a salve. The root of the young baobab is sometimes eaten by the natives.

A Household Sandbag.

A sandbag is a very useful thing to have in the house. Dry the sand thoroughly in the oven and then make a flannel bag about eight inches square. Fill it with the sand, sew up the opening carefully and cover the bag with cotton or linen. This will prevent the sand from sifting out and will allow of the bag being quickly heated when required by placing it in the oven. Sand holds heat a long time and is softer to the feet of an invalid than the ordinary hot water bottle.

The Artichoke.

The artichoke has nothing to do with art or the choking of it. The artichoke is an innocent vegetable, known to the Arabians as the ardischauki, or earth thorn. The Jerusalem artichoke was never seen near Jerusalem. Its first name is a corruption of the Italian girasole, which means turning to the sun. It is a species of sunflower, bearing a tuber like that of a potato.

Tried to Improve. A little girl who made frequent use of the word "guess" was corrected for it and told to say "presume" instead. A lady friend, noticing the admirable set of the little girl's apron, asked something in regard to the pattern. "Mamma don't cut my dresses an' aprons by a pattern," said the small

lady. "She just looks at me an' pre-

sumes!"

Well Forged.

Joakley-I understand there's considerable talk now in naval circles about some orders that were forged very skillfully. Coakley-Aha! Another scandal, eh?

Joakley-Oh, no. They were orders for some eight inch guns .- Exchange, He Got In the Way.

Jimson-You say your wife threw the poker at a stray dog and hit you in-

Jester-Yes, but it was my fault. I had no business standing behind her when she threw.-Ohio State Journal.

Cured. The following is a Chinese joke:

In a certain house there was a baby that annoyed every one by its continual squalling. At last a physician was called in. He administered a bolus of the soothing virtues of which he had a high opinion and offered to pass the night in the house to observe the effects of his remedy. After a few hours, hearing no noise, he exclaimed: "Good! The child is cured!" "Yes," replied the attendant, "the child has indeed stop-

long distance pulled up at the station, to ascermin their social position and ped crying, but the mother has begun and the three men scrambled in. In arrange my fees accordingly,—Tit Bits. to mourn.